

IN THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings of the claims in the application. The status of each claim is indicated within parentheses.

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. – 46. (Canceled)
47. (Currently Amended) A method of generating a random number associated with a user initiated interruption of a video sequence, comprising:
sequentially presenting to a user a plurality of group-of-picture (“GOP”) structures of an MPEG standard collectively providing a first video sequence, each group-of-picture structure having a predetermined seed component and a navigation component, the seed component having a seed value;
in response to a user initiated interruption during the presentation of a GOP structure, receiving the seed component and the navigation component from the interrupted GOP structure;
providing a random number based at least in part on the seed component wherein as a user initiated point of interruption will vary from one sequence presentation to another, the varying point of interruption to receive the seed component insures a random number as the random number is derived from the sum of a predetermined value and the seed value; and
linking or jumping to a second video sequence identified by the navigational component.
48. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 47, wherein the seed component is combined with a system generated number to provide the random number.
49. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 47, wherein each GOP structure has ~~as~~ an associated active button, each active button having an associated button command that is performed in response to a navigation engine detecting invocation of a respective active button of a currently active GOP structure, invocation of the active button directing a corresponding button command to provide the seed component and the navigation component.
50. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 47, wherein a time varying nature of the user initiated responses provides a human based random element to overcome defective implementations of a RND function and/or defective register counting.
51. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 47, wherein the random number seeds a random number generator.

52. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 47, wherein the presentation of the plurality of GOP structures is transparent, the user perceiving the first video sequence unaware of the transition from GOP structure to GOP structure and each ~~structures~~ structure's associated seed component.
53. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 47, wherein the first video sequence is repeated until the user interruption is initiated.
54. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 47, wherein the method is stored on a computer-readable medium as a computer program, which when executed by a computer will perform the steps of generating a random number associated with a user initiated interruption of a video sequence.
55. (Previously Presented) A computing device configured to perform the method of generating a random number associated with a user initiated interruption of a video sequence as presented in claim 47.
56. (Currently Amended) A non-transitory machine readable medium on which is stored a computer program for generating a random number associated with a user initiated interruption of a video sequence, the computer program comprising instructions which when executed by a computer system perform the steps of:
sequentially presenting to a user a plurality of group-of-picture ("GOP") structures of an MPEG standard collectively providing a first video sequence, each group-of-picture structure having a predetermined seed component and a navigation component, the seed component having a seed value;
in response to a user initiated interruption during the presentation of a GOP structure, receiving the seed component and the navigation component from the interrupted GOP structure;
providing a random number based at least in part on the seed component wherein as a user initiated point of interruption will vary from one sequence presentation to another, the varying point of interruption to receive the seed component insures a random number as the random number is derived from the sum of a predetermined value and the seed value; and
linking or jumping to a second video sequence identified by the navigational component.
57. (Previously Presented) The non-transitory machine readable medium of claim 55, wherein the seed component is combined with a system generated number to provide the random number.

58. (Currently Amended) The non-transitory machine readable medium of claim 55, wherein each GOP structure has ~~as~~ an associated active button, each active button having an associated button command that is performed in response to a navigation engine detecting invocation of a respective active button of a currently active GOP structure, invocation of the active button directing a corresponding button command to provide the seed component and the navigation component.
59. (Previously Presented) The non-transitory machine readable medium of claim 55, wherein a time varying nature of the user initiated responses provides a human based random element to overcome defective implementations of a RND function and/or defective register counting.
60. (Previously Presented) The non-transitory machine readable medium of claim 55, wherein the random number seeds a random number generator.
61. (Currently Amended) The non-transitory machine readable medium of claim 55, wherein the presentation of the plurality of GOP structures is transparent, the user perceiving the first video sequence unaware of the transition from GOP structure to GOP structure and each ~~structures~~ structure's associated seed component.
62. (Previously Presented) The non-transitory machine readable medium of claim 55, wherein the first video sequence is repeated until the user interruption is initiated.
63. (Previously Presented) The non-transitory machine readable medium of claim 55, wherein in a first instance the seed component of each GOP structure is a unique value, and in a second instance the seed component of each GOP structure is a navigation command to a location providing a unique value.
64. (Previously Presented) The non-transitory machine readable medium of claim 55, wherein the navigation component is the same for all GOP structures.
65. (Previously Presented) The non-transitory machine readable medium of claim 55, wherein the computer readable medium is a DVD.
66. (Currently Amended) An audiovisual product recorded on a recording medium, the audiovisual product structured and arranged to provide a random number associated with a user initiated interruption of a video sequence when read by a DVD reading system, the product comprising:
a data structure recorded on the recording medium comprising data defining:
at least a first video sequence provided by a sequential plurality of group-of-picture ("GOP") structures of an MPEG standard, each GOP structure having a

predetermined seed component and a navigation component, the seed component having a seed value;

at least one second video sequence; and

executable code which when executed by a playback device will present the first video sequence, and in response to a user initiated interruption during the presentation of a GOP structure receiving the seed component and navigation component, wherein as a user initiated point of interruption will vary from one sequence presentation to another, the varying point of interruption to receive the seed component insures a random number as the random number is derived from the sum of a predetermined value and the seed value~~the seed component used at least in part to provide a random number~~, the navigation component used by a navigation engine to link or jump to a determined second video sequence.

67. (Previously Presented) The audiovisual product of claim 65, wherein the product is a DVD and the playback device is a DVD player.
68. (Previously Presented) The audiovisual product of claim 65, wherein the seed component is combined with a system generated number to provide the random number.
69. (Currently Amended) The audiovisual product of claim 65, wherein each GOP structure has ~~as an~~ associated active button, each active button having an associated button command that is performed in response to a navigation engine detecting invocation of a respective active button of a currently active GOP structure, invocation of the active button directing a corresponding button command to provide the seed component and the navigation component.
70. (Previously Presented) The audiovisual product of claim 65, wherein a time varying nature of the user initiated responses provides a human based random element to overcome defective implementations of a RND function and/or defective register counting.
71. (Previously Presented) The audiovisual product of claim 65, wherein the random number seeds a random number generator.
72. (Currently Amended) The audiovisual product of claim 65, wherein the presentation of the plurality of GOP structures is transparent, the user perceiving the first video sequence unaware of the transition from GOP structure to GOP structure and each ~~structures~~ structure's associated seed component.
73. (Previously Presented) The audiovisual product of claim 65, wherein the first video sequence is repeated until the user interruption is initiated.

74. (Previously Presented) The audiovisual product of claim 65, wherein in a first instance the seed component of each GOP structure is a unique value, and in a second instance the seed component of each GOP structure is a navigation command to a location providing a unique value.
75. (Previously Presented) The audiovisual product of claim 65, wherein the navigation component is the same for all GOP structures.
76. (Currently Amended) A DVD product structured and arranged to provide a random number associated with a user initiated interruption of a video sequence when read by a DVD reading system, comprising:
a DVD;
a data structure recorded to the DVD comprising data defining;
at least a first video sequence provided by a sequential plurality of group-of-picture ("GOP") structures of an MPEG standard each GOP structure associated with a respective command;
at least one second video sequence; and
executable code which when executed by a DVD player will present the first video sequence, and in response to a user initiated interruption during the presentation of a GOP structure, execute the respective command, the executed command providing a seed component having a seed value and a navigation component, wherein as a user initiated point of interruption will vary from one sequence presentation to another, the varying point of interruption to receive the seed component insures a random number as the random number is derived from the sum of a predetermined value and the seed value~~the seed component used at least in part to provide a random number~~, the navigation component used by a navigation engine to link or jump to a determined second video sequence.
77. (Previously Presented) The DVD product of claim 75, wherein the seed component is combined with a system generated number to provide the random number.
78. (Currently Amended) The DVD product of claim 75, wherein each GOP structure has as an associated active button, each active button having an associated button command that is performed in response to a navigation engine detecting invocation of a respective active button of a currently active GOP structure, invocation of the active button directing a corresponding button command to provide the seed component and the navigation component.

79. (Previously Presented) The DVD product of claim 75, wherein a time varying nature of the user initiated responses provides a human based random element to overcome defective implementations of a RND function and/or defective register counting.
80. (Previously Presented) The audiovisual product of claim 75, wherein the random number seeds a random number generator.
81. (Currently Amended) The DVD product of claim 75, wherein the presentation of the plurality of GOP structures is transparent, the user perceiving the first video sequence unaware of the transition from GOP structure to GOP structure and each ~~structure~~ structure's associated seed component.
82. (Previously Presented) The DVD product of claim 75, wherein the first video sequence is repeated until the user interruption is initiated.
83. (Previously Presented) The DVD product of claim 75, wherein in a first instance the seed component of each GOP structure is a unique value, and in a second instance the seed component of each GOP structure is a navigation command to a location providing a unique value.
84. (Previously Presented) The DVD product of claim 75, wherein the seed component of each GOP structure is a navigation command to a location providing a unique value.
85. (Previously Presented) The DVD product of claim 75, wherein the navigation component is the same for all GOP structures.
86. (Currently Amended) A method of generating a random number associated with a user initiated interruption of a video sequence, comprising:
sequentially presenting to a user a plurality of group-of-picture ("GOP") structures collectively providing a first video sequence, each GOP structure having an associated predetermined seed-component value and a navigation component;
in response to a user initiated interruption of the first video sequence during the presentation of a GOP structure, receiving the seed-component value and the navigation component ~~from associated with~~ the interrupted GOP structure;
providing a random number based at least in part on the seed-component value, the seed component value of a first GOP structure of the first video sequence being different from the seed-component value of a second GOP structure of the first video sequence, wherein as a user initiated point of interruption will vary from one sequence presentation to another, the varying point of interruption to receive the seed value

insures a random number as the random number is derived from the sum of a predetermined value and the seed value; and

linking or jumping to a second video sequence identified by the navigational component.

87. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 86, wherein a time varying nature of the user initiated responses provides a human based random element to overcome defective implementations of a RND function and/or defective register counting.
88. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 86, wherein the presentation of the plurality of GOP structures is transparent, the user perceiving the first video sequence unaware of the transition from GOP structure to GOP structure and each ~~structures~~ structure's associated seed component.
89. (Currently Amended) A non-transitory machine readable medium on which is stored a computer program for generating a random number associated with a user initiated interruption of a video sequence, the computer program comprising instructions which when executed by a computer system perform the steps of:
sequentially presenting to a user a plurality of group-of-picture ("GOP") structures collectively providing a first video sequence, each group-of-picture structure having an associated predetermined seed ~~component value~~ and a navigation component;
in response to a user initiated interruption of the first ~~vide~~ video sequence during the presentation of a GOP structure, receiving the seed ~~component value~~ and the navigation component ~~from associated with~~ the interrupted GOP structure;
providing a random number based at least in part on the seed ~~component value wherein as~~ a user initiated point of interruption will vary from one sequence presentation to another, the varying point of interruption to receive the seed value insures a random number as the random number is derived from the sum of a predetermined value and the seed value; and
linking or jumping to a second video sequence identified by the navigational component, the seed component of a first GOP structure of the first video sequence being different from the seed component of a second GOP structure of the first video sequence.
90. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 89, wherein a time varying nature of the user initiated responses provides a human based random element to overcome defective implementations of a RND function and/or defective register counting.
91. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 89, wherein the presentation of the plurality of GOP structures is transparent, the user perceiving the first video sequence unaware of the

transition from GOP structure to GOP structure and each ~~structures~~ structure's associated seed component.

92. (Currently Amended) An audiovisual product recorded on a recording medium, the audiovisual product structured and arranged to provide a random number associated with a user initiated interruption of a video sequence when read by a DVD reading system, the product comprising:

a data structure recorded on the recording medium comprising data defining:

at least a first video sequence provided by a sequential plurality of group-of-picture ("GOP") structures, each GOP structure having a predetermined seed ~~component~~ value and a navigation component, the seed ~~component~~ value of a first GOP structure of the first video sequence being different from the seed ~~component~~ value of a second GOP structure of the first video sequence;

at least one second video sequence; and

executable code which when executed by a playback device will present the first video sequence, and in response to a user initiated interruption of the first video sequence during the presentation of a GOP structure receiving the seed component and navigation component, wherein as a user initiated point of interruption will vary from one sequence presentation to another, the varying point of interruption to receive the seed value insures a random number as the random number is derived from the sum of a predetermined value and the seed value ~~the seed component used at least in part to provide a random number~~, the navigation component being used by a navigation engine to link or jump to a determined second video sequence.

93. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 92, wherein a time varying nature of the user initiated responses provides a human based random element to overcome defective implementations of a RND function and/or defective register counting.
94. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 92, wherein the presentation of the plurality of GOP structures is transparent, the user perceiving the first video sequence unaware of the transition from GOP structure to GOP structure and each ~~structures~~ structure's associated seed component.